

Announcement of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study to restore water quality in a portion of Beaver Creek that has a bacteria impairment.

Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will host a public meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2009 in Rustburg, Virginia to provide information and hear public comment on a water quality study for a portion of Beaver Creek, and its tributaries, which drain from portions of Campbell County.

The Thursday, December 3, 2009 Public Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Agricultural Building, 163 Kabler Lane, Rustburg, Virginia. Kabler Lane is located just off of Route 24/Village Highway across from the Campbell County Administrative Offices.

Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of bacteria contamination in a portion of Beaver Creek within the James River Watershed in Central Virginia. This stream is listed on the Federal 303 D list of impaired waters and has been targeted for the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load, TMDL, study. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, contamination levels for a specified pollutant have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

The December 3rd meeting will be the first of two public meetings that will be held during the TMDL study. At this first public meeting, the public will be provided an overview of what a TMDL is, how a TMDL is developed, be provided an overview of initial data about the streams and surrounding watersheds, and be provided an overview on how they can provide comment and input to the study over the coming year. In addition, the public will be given an overview of how the TMDL development is used within the State.

The public comment period on the materials presented at the public meeting will extend from December 3, 2009 until 11:59 pm on January 4, 2010. Comments may be submitted via e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, and be received during the comment period. Please send all comments to the contact listed below.

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